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U.S. App. No. : 10/535,315 (PCT/US2003/036869)  
Filed : May 18, 2005  
For : THERMAL SWITCH, METHODS OF USE AND  
MANUFACTURING METHODS FOR SAME

Art Unit : 2835  
Docket No. : 67901-17  
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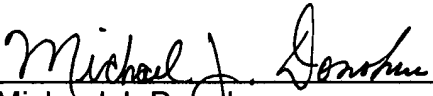
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Applicant respectfully requests correction of the 371(c) date for the record, and further requests that the Commissioner issue a corrected Filing Receipt and corrected Notice of Acceptance.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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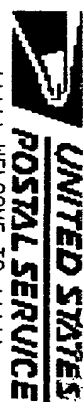
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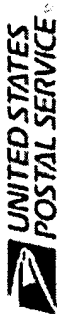
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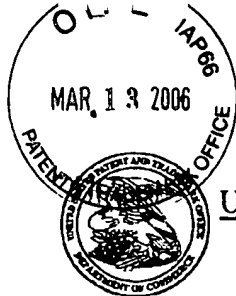
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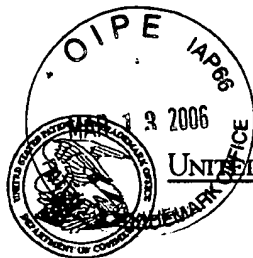
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